Introduction of Private Channels of Akashvani

† 575. SHRI SATISHCHANDRA SITARAM PRADHAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are introducing private channels of Akashvani in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the places whether these channels will be introduced, together with the nature of these channels?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) to (c) There is no proposal to introduced private channels of Akashvani. However, Government have invited offers for setting up of FM Radio Stations by private agencies. A Statement showing places where such Radio stations are proposed to be set up is enclosed.

Statement

S. No.	Place	S. No.	Place
1.	Calcutta	10.	Pune
2.	Chennai	11.	Visakhapatnam
3.	Delhi	12.	Agra
4.	Mumbai	13.	Allahabad
5.	Ahmedabad	14.	Aurangabad
6.	Bangalore	15.	Bhopal
7.	Hyderabad	16.	Bhubaneshwar
8.	Indore	17.	Chandigarh
9.	Lucknow	18.	Cochin

†Original Notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

S. No.	Place	S. No.	Place
19.	Coimbatore	30.	Nagpur
20.	Cuttack	31.	Panaji
21.	Guwahati	32.	Patna
22.	Jabalpur	33.	Raipur
23.	Jaipur	34.	Rajkot
24.	Jalandhar	35.	Shillong
25.	Jamnagar	36.	Srinagar
26.	Kanpur	37.	Tiruchy
27.	Ludhiana	38.	Tirunelveli
28.	Madurai	39.	Trivandrum
29.	Mysore	40.	Varanasi

Profits and Losses of Doordarshan

576. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Doordarshan did not earn a single penny from the nine major events like the Wimbledon, World Cup Soccer, French Open, Sherji and the Mini World Cup Cricket, but lost Rs. 61,73,492 which it covered recently;

(b) if so, the details of the profits and losses of Doordarshan during 1997-98 and 1998-99 for undertakings coverage of various sports/events during these years; and

(c) the reasons for the losses suffered by the Doordarshan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) No. Sir.